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## Citizen Information

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## Control Information

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**Letter Date:** Jan 28, 2013 **Received Date:** Feb 4, 2013  
**Addressee:** AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA  
**Contact Type:** LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal  
**Signature:** SNR-Signature Not Required **Signature Date:** N/A  
**File Code:** 401\_127\_a General Correspondence Files Record copy  
**Subject:** Daily Reading File - Thank you for your leadership on Pebble Mine  
**Instructions:** For Your Information -- No action required  
**Instruction Note:** N/A  
**General Notes:** N/A  
**CC:** OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education  
OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office

## Lead Information

**Lead Author:** N/A

**Lead Assignments:**

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**Supporting Author:** N/A

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Jacqueline Leavy	OEX	Forward control to R10	Feb 4, 2013

## Comments



DAILY READING FILE

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

January 28, 2013

Administrator Lisa Jackson  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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Re: Thank you for your leadership on Pebble Mine

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of the Natural Resource Defense Council ("NRDC") and our 1.4 million members and activists, I write today to thank you for your leadership and work to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska. I commend you for listening, and responding, to the request from tribes, residents, commercial fishing interests, business owners, churches, sportsmen's groups, chefs and restaurant owners, jewelers, investors, and conservation organizations who asked EPA to use its authority to stop the Pebble Mine.

Under the mantle of your dedicated leadership, EPA's talented staffers conducted a scientific assessment of the impacts of large-scale mining – like the proposed Pebble Mine – on the Bristol Bay watershed. Released last year and currently undergoing peer review and final revision, EPA's "Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska" ("Watershed Assessment") provides a detailed analysis of the Bristol Bay watershed's natural resources and the half a billion dollar annual economic benefits associated with those resources – including the largest wild salmon fishery in the world. Even more remarkable, EPA did it in the face of unrelenting political assault from mining proponents and GOP lawmakers.

Your dedicated leadership will be missed, but you leave behind an extraordinary legacy. The Watershed Assessment provides more than enough information to find that large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed would pose harm to the watershed's natural resources and the economic benefits associated with those resources. Which is why we continue to urge EPA to initiate action under section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to stop the Pebble Mine.

Thank you for standing up for the environment. Thank you for standing up to mining companies and their political allies in Washington. And thank you for working to protect the Bristol Bay watershed and the communities, salmon, and wildlife that depend on it for survival.

We owe you a great debt of thanks and wish you well in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frances Beinecke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Frances Beinecke

Cc: Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe